



American
Spaces

Programming Kits

Guide to Using Programming Kits

WHAT IS THIS?

This page is meant to be a basic **fact sheet** that can introduce a topic or start a discussion. This section gives a **basic description** or definition of the topic. Often time keywords are in **bold**.

The fact sheet can be used at the beginning of a program to introduce a topic.



WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?

This section describes why is important to be aware of and discuss the topic. Sometimes it will reference the US specifically, other times it has a more global perspective.

FACTS OR WHAT YOU CAN DO

Facts

This section reports basic facts about the topic.

What You Can Do

Sometimes the section presents options for what the average person can do about the issue being discussed.

Opposing Viewpoints

If there are multiple ways to look at a topic, this section often presents both sides.

THINGS TO DISCUSS

This section has discussion prompts.

The Discussion Prompt are meant for individual conversations or discussion programs.

If your space has weekly conversation or discussion groups or would like to, feel free to just print this page out and hand it to the participants.



INTRODUCTION: (5-10 min)

This page is for spaces that would like to do other programs besides a basic discussion group. It provides several basic program ideas and resources that can be used alone or together. This section always has a 5 or 10 minute introduction for a program.



INTERMEDIATE: ACTIVITY (introduction + 30-60 min)

1. This section has an activity that is a little more advanced than the first.
 2. Sometimes it is best to start with the "Introduction" activity and then move on and do one or two of the other activities on the sheet.
 3. You are not expected to do all the activities. Except, if it is a debate activity which only has one activity on the page.
 4. These sections often end with links to resources and instructions .
- [ACTIVITY LINK](#) | [NEWS LINK](#)

ADVANCED: ACTIVITY (60-120 min)

1. This is an advanced activity: meaning it is most appropriate for people that have a basic knowledge of the topic already or have already done some of the other activities.
2. You could do an Introduction and Intermediate activity one day and then an advanced activity a few days later.
3. There are many advanced debate activities that have separate instruction sheets if you need further guidance.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

This section has direct links to resources and websites with other useful information or programs.

They can be used if you want to do even more programming, want to do research or if research is required as part of an activity.

AMERICAN SPACES RESOURCES

- This section links you directly resources available on the American Spaces website